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BORN TO BE MILD

Hey, Chicago, where's the snow?

People enjoy the unseasonably warm weather near Oak Street Beach earlier this month.

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Chicago Tribune

As the calendar flips over to a new year, Chicagoans are used to finding themselves weary from weeks of burrowing through dreadful winter weather and dour at the thought of several more months to go.

But the outlook for 2012 is markedly brighter. The days already are growing longer, the area has been virtually snow-free, and December, compared with the previous two years, has bordered on balmy. With a high of 45 on Christmas, Chicago was 21 degrees and a cactus shy of being Phoenix.

Forecasters now are saying confidently that although a major snowstorm can't be ruled out, the remaining stretch of winter likely will be wet and mild, which makes this season seem surprisingly survivable. Even if the weather does break bad, the worst of winter can't last more than another few months.

For Dawn Manker, a stay-at-home mom from Elgin who has seasonal affective disorder, the mild temperatures have made it easy to throw a coat on her 5-year-old son, Jacob, and head to a nearby park, breaking the normal monotony of an icy December.

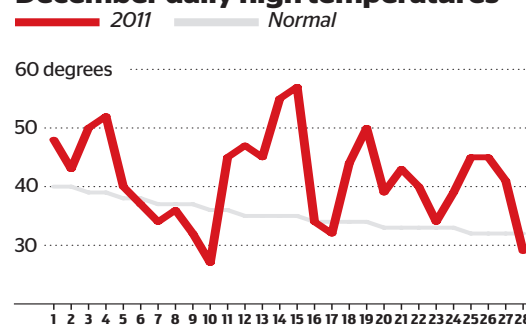
"I haven't felt like I was stuck at home," said Manker, who has experienced no SAD symptoms this winter. "I'm very optimistic that we're going to have a short winter."

The lack of snow has also brought smiles

A WARM DECEMBER

Chicago's high temperatures have been at or above normal about 75 percent of the time so far this month. **TRIBUNE**

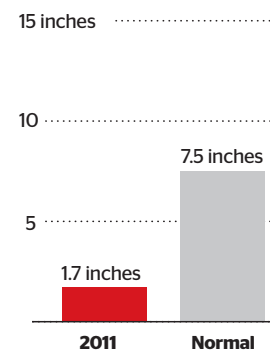
December daily high temperatures



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December snowfalls

As of the 28th



to the faces of officials in cities and villages across the Chicago area, as each day without nasty weather saves money.

Elgin has been wrestling with budget cuts and falling revenue, so the warmer winter has been a wish come true.

"When we were all planning for the snow season and were realizing the budget deficit was looming, several of us said, 'If you want to save money, then you just make it not

snow,'" public works Superintendent Colby Basham said. "Here, one month into the snow season, we have essentially dodged a bullet."

Scott Niehaus, village manager of Tinley Park, said the village has had to salt roads only twice this year, using 164 tons of salt compared with the 1,500 tons it had used at this point last year.

"It's good for the bottom line," he said.

Precipitation is in the air—just not in snow form

Chicago Tribune

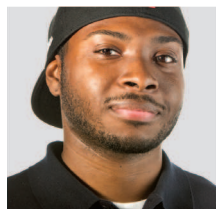
So what is it, atmospherically speaking, that is bringing such joy to those who loathe the slog of snow and ice?

According to a report by the National Weather Service, two naturally occurring weather phenomena—the North Atlantic Oscillation and the Arctic Oscillation—have created changes in the pressure in the atmosphere that make it harder for cooler air to reach the Midwest. It's a bit like having a big, invisible wall to the north keeping out the wintry blasts.

Indications are that this behavior will continue into January and the report said "odds favor this winter to continue to be on the warm and wetter side." Which is not to say that snow won't come.

"In weather, nothing is exact," said Charles Mott, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Romeoville. "And especially, nothing is forever. There's a possibility that we could get colder. And there's still a possibility that we could get snow, although the chances now seem to be a little bit less."

Shopping isn't a contact sport



Anthony Roberts
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They were subdued in North Carolina, pepper-sprayed in Washington and arrested in Georgia.

In case this nugget of news slipped under your radar over the Christmas weekend, I'm talking about shoppers—thronges of unhinged shoppers who were whipped into a frenzy on Friday over the release of the new Air Jordan

is never a good look, but throwing punches over shoes that—if you're a young dude—won't even fit this time next year is an even worse look.

Is it really worth hurting someone or even worse over a pair of kicks? I don't think so. Remember the Tickle Me Elmo craze that had shoppers doing their best mixed martial arts moves on each other to get their hands on one? Are any of the kids who received those toys—now teens or adults—still tickling that little furry red dude?

I don't know if the shoe's release turned violent because of a lack of supply, a lack of preparedness by the stores or just a lack of common sense from everyone involved, but we all know incidents like these can be avoided.

Something as simple as an online lottery to determine who gets first dibs on the new Mikes or even standing in a "virtual" line, as is customary for hot concert tickets, could have saved a lot of people time, money and a few minutes of pain as they washed the pepper spray from their eyes. The shoes undoubtedly still would sell out, and there would be no risk to personal safety.

Ultimately, it all comes back to the shoppers. How good can you feel about yourself knowing that to get your pair you had to drop a series of elbows and perform several body slams, WWE-style?

We've got to do better. As consumers, we have a responsibility to not lose our humanity in the name of a good deal or rare find. MJ was known for taking flight—not picking fights—on the court, so perhaps we can learn something from this incident. You know, be like Mike.

ANTHONY ROBERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

11 Retro Concord sneaks.

Closer to home, police in Elmhurst said a man was robbed of his Jordans at gunpoint Saturday after posting an ad on Craigslist to trade his shoes, triblocal.com reported.

After reading these stories, my question is: Are you serious?!

Maybe I'm just getting more mature, or spending my money more wisely—or both—but I'm not understanding this.

When I was younger, it definitely said a lot if you were the freshest kid on the block laced with the new Jordans. A lot of that had to do, though, with the fact that His Airness still was playing and you could see these shoes soaring past the faces of embarrassed would-be defenders as MJ skied for poster-worthy dunks.

But No. 23 retired almost a decade ago, so excuse me if some of the thrill is gone. Don't get me wrong: I agree with those who say the 11s are the best Jordans ever made; I'm just not into fistfights to secure my footwear.

Letting the situation get the best of you



BIG TALKERS

Do nice guys really finish last? That was the question posed by Wednesday's cover story. Here's what readers had to say on RedEye's Facebook wall.



And what about nice girls? Do the same principles apply here or are they just a different class of ali ... er ... human altogether?

—Jackie Carlton

I moved in with the first nice guy I've ever met. Pretty rare.

—Angela Lang

"Nice guys" is a BS term for women to say that they aren't interested.

—Jeffery Washington

There are no more nice guys because women are not nice.

—Kareem Allen

The problem with "nice" people is they let themselves become doormats and pushovers. It's not impossible to be nice and be strong/confident.

—Alex Moschopoulos

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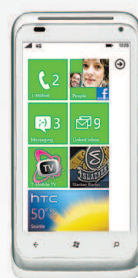
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The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention's website offers these tips.



HOW TO TELL IF YOUR PET IS A HEALTHY WEIGHT

- » Ribs are easily felt
- » Tucked abdomen—no sagging stomach
- » Waist when viewed from above



YOUR PET IS OVERWEIGHT IF ...

- » It's difficult to feel ribs under fat
- » Sagging stomach: You can grab a handful of fat!
- » Broad, flat back
- » No waist

THE INCREDIBLY GROWING PET

Do your furry friends need a personal trainer? You might want to rethink their diet

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Chicago Tribune

Does your dog or cat look more like a footstool than an animal? You're definitely not alone.

There is an epidemic of fat pets in the U.S., one that's often unrecognized.

A survey earlier this year, conducted by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, which works within the veterinary community to combat pet obesity, found that more than half of the dogs and cats in the U.S. are overweight or obese. (Obesity is defined as being 30 percent above normal weight, and one-fifth of our pets qualify.) The trouble is, many pet owners don't see it.

"It comes from the fact that they are beloved," says veterinarian Louise Murray, vice president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York. "We see them as part of the family, and we feed them. [The obesity] comes from a good place because we love them. But we need to get it under control because it can cause health problems."

Thomas Graves, a professor of veterinary clinical medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, and director of the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, compares it to the childhood obesity epidemic.

"Some of these studies, they get parents to try to identify their child's body type," he says. "Most parents can't do that. We're seeing the same thing in dogs and cats. Probably 40 percent of them are overweight, 20 percent of them obese. And the vast majority of pet owners fail to recognize that their pets have a weight problem."

The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention has a chart (petobesityprevention.com/pet-weight-check) that will give a dog or cat owner an idea. It's a good starting point, but a visit to the vet still is recommended.

"There are medical conditions that can cause obesity and weight gain," Graves says. "So any animal with a weight problem needs to be evaluated by a veterinarian. That way, a proper weight loss program can be designed by the veterinarian."

The program generally involves diet and exercise.

"The truth about pet food is that most pet foods are really good," Graves says. "The pet food companies spend lots of money researching proper nutrition. They want pets fed healthy food that keeps them alive a long time—and buying more food."

He doesn't pick one pet food over any other but says to buy a premium brand, one appropriate for the life stage the pet is in. And check with your vet about how much to feed your animal. A spayed or neutered pet is less active and needs less, and some pet foods recommend more than is needed.

Murray says that most dogs' weight problems can be blamed on leftovers, snacks and treats, not their regular food.



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“We see them as part of the family, and we feed them.”
—Louise Murray, veterinarian

"Those things are very caloric, and that adds up," she says. "For dogs, the best advice is to cut back on the non-dog foods, the unofficial stuff."

Cats are different, she says. They become overweight not from treats, but because their diet is too high in carbohydrates.

"Cats are nature's pure carnivores," she says. "They were never meant to eat carbohydrates. Their bodies are not designed to handle them at all. Unfortunately, a lot of the cat foods on the market are high in carbs, especially dry foods. It's easy for us to leave a bowl out all day, but then they're snacking on carbohydrates all day."

Canned or moist foods from pouches are a better choice, she says.

Exercise is the other key. You might even want to participate—nice, long, moderate walks, Murray suggests. Three

or four times a week is about right, but work up to it gradually. "You don't want to take a couch potato out there with a Frisbee; it could injure them." If you're not interested in exercising, a little fetch goes a long way. You throw the ball, Fido retrieves it. Over and over and over. The point is to get the dog moving.

Exercising a cat can be as simple as tying a toy to a fishing pole and waving it around, or flicking a laser pointer around the room and have the cat chase it. Or ...

"One of the best ways to get a cat to exercise is to get a kitten," Graves says. "Kittens are a pain in the neck. I can't tell you how many times an owner has a cat losing weight, and they come in, and we can't figure out why. Then I find out they got a kitten four months ago and, well, that's the reason. Cats do well in groups. They play more; they tend to eat better."

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KING OF PONG

CHICAGOAN IS SO CLOSE TO \$50K HE CAN ALMOST TASTE IT

By Leonor Vivanco

REDEYE

Andy DeCaluwe won't be playing poker or blackjack when he's in Las Vegas next week. Instead, the 25-year-old will be tossing ping-pong balls into cups of beer for a chance to win \$50,000.

The 7th annual World Series of Beer Pong—yes, it's a real competition—takes place Sunday through Thursday at the Flamingo Las Vegas hotel and casino. And DeCaluwe, a student at Kendall College, is the guy to beat.

DeCaluwe, who plays with a partner, is ranked the top beer pong player in the world out of 2,400, according to **bpong.com**, which hosts the World Series. The designation is based on games played in officially sanctioned BPONG events, according to the rules of the game: Players on either end of a table eliminate 10 water- or beer-filled cups by landing a pingpong ball in each.

"Being ranked No. 1 at something I've worked hard for, it's satisfying," said DeCaluwe, who lives in Mount Prospect.

He placed third at the World Series last year and snagged second place the year before that. He estimates he's won money ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 in tournaments across the country and has used his winnings to help pay for school. Now he's got his eye on winning it all in Las Vegas.

DeCaluwe rarely loses, and wins by large margins, said Benja-

min "Skinny" Solnik, World Series director. "He's been consistently excellent," he said.

However, DeCaluwe wouldn't be the first Chicago-area player to be a World Series champ. Nick Velissaris, now 29 and living in Buena Park, won the first World Series in 2006.

According to BPONG, Illinois ranks eighth out of 50 states in having the most players battle in the World Series of Beer Pong.

When BPONG was created in 2002, beer pong was popular on college campuses particularly on the East Coast, Solnik said. "Since we launched, the growth of competitive beer pong has been massive," he said.

The first World Series had 82 teams. It tripled in size the second year. More than 500 teams were expected to register for the 2012 World Series.

It actually was Velissaris who introduced DeCaluwe to organized beer pong. The two met randomly in 2008 at Dick's River Roadhouse in Mount Prospect. Velissaris and his friend beat DeCaluwe and a buddy decisively in a game of bags. It slipped that DeCaluwe's game was beer pong and Velissaris invited him that week to a tournament in Northbrook. Later that summer, the two played each other, and DeCaluwe won. Since then, the two have played on teams together at tournaments.

"He's a good kid," Velissaris said. "He deserves that No. 1 ranking."

DeCaluwe understands how people find it difficult to see why he spends his free time playing games of beer pong, but he loves doing it: "It's fun. It's something I'm good at."

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'Tragically bizarre' civil case

Chicago Tribune

Ruling in what it called a "tragically bizarre" case, an appeals court found that a man killed by a train while crossing the Edgemoor Metra station tracks can be held responsible after a part of his body sent airborne by the collision struck and injured a bystander.

In 2008, Hiroyuki Joho, 18, was hurrying in pouring rain with an umbrella over his head, trying to catch an inbound Metra train due to arrive in about five minutes when he was struck by a southbound Amtrak train traveling at more than 70 mph.

A large portion of his body was thrown about 100 feet onto the southbound platform, where it struck Gayane Zokhrabov, then 58, who was waiting to catch the 8:17 a.m. train to work. She was knocked to the ground, her leg and wrist broken and her shoulder injured.

A Cook County judge dismissed Zokhrabov's lawsuit against Joho's estate, finding that Joho could not have anticipated Zokhrabov's injuries.

A state appeals court, after noting that the case law involving "flying bodies" is sparse, has disagreed, ruling that "it was reasonably foreseeable" that the high-speed train would kill Joho and fling his body down the tracks toward a platform where people were waiting.

Leslie Rosen, who handled Zokhrabov's appeal, said that while the circumstances of the case were "very peculiar and gory and creepy," it ultimately was a straightforward negligence case, no different than if a train passenger had been injured after the engineer hit the brakes.

"If you do something as stupid as this guy did, you have to be responsible for what comes from it," she said.

EXPRESS LINES

» A 19-year-old Chicago State University student collapsed and died while playing basketball at the university, officials said Wednesday morning.

» A small electrical fire at Wrigley Field prompted a fire department response Wednesday. The Chicago Fire Department quickly extinguished the tiny fire in an office before it had a chance to grow, department spokesman Will Knight said. **TRIBUNE**



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Taste chopped to 5 days

Chicago Tribune

Taste of Chicago will be chopped in half to a five-day event next summer, and the city's annual smorgasbord will be moved to the middle of July from its traditional late June start.

The festival will run from July 11-15 in Grant Park, according to a statement from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

After the Chicago Park District oversaw a 10-day 2011 Taste that drew 2.35 million people—300,000 fewer than in 2010 and the smallest overall crowd since 1986—Mayor Emanuel put the festival back under the control of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

Cultural Affairs officials said they would consider shortening the event in an attempt to move the Taste back toward profitability, and that the focus would remain on the food served by local restaurants in Grant Park, rather than on big-name entertainers such as Stevie Wonder who have appeared at Taste in years past.

"Taste will emphasize Chicago's status as a 'foodie' destination and feature classic Chicago favorites as well as of-

OTHER CHANGES

Chicago's summertime festivals will unfold with a new schedule and in evolving formats, the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced Wednesday. Details at cityofchicago.org

ferings from Chicago's new and emerging culinary scene," the Cultural Affairs statement said. "This free admission festival will highlight entertainment such as cooking demonstrations from noted chefs, and local and national musical acts."

One Taste vendor, Eli's Cheesecake, has been with the event since the first one on Michigan Avenue in 1980. President Marc Schulman said he's optimistic about the changes.

"Taste started as one day," he said. "It was shorter. It's been longer. It evolves. The most important thing is the commitment by the city to make it an exciting, great event with great programming and that people enjoy it."

Victims identified in Englewood shooting

The two people killed in a shooting at a fast-food restaurant in Englewood were a 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy who both lived blocks from where they were gunned down, officials said. The medical examiner has identified them as Dantril Brown, 17, of the 6800 block of South Emerald Street and Jawan Ross, 16, of the 6600 block of South Stewart Street.

Cardinal defends KKK comment

Chicago's Cardinal Francis George issued a statement Tuesday defending his recent comparison of the gay rights movement to the Ku Klux Klan during a controversy over whether next summer's Pride Parade would affect services in Lakeview. While the cardinal defended his Klan comparison, he also wrote: "It is terribly wrong and sinful that gays and lesbians have been harassed and subjected to psychological and even physical harm."

Two teens charged in CTA shooting

Two teens were charged as juveniles in the Monday night shooting of a 21-year-old man at a CTA station platform in the South Loop, police said. A 14-year-old boy has been charged with one felony count of aggravated battery/use of a deadly weapon. A 16-year-old, who was accused of firing the shot, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon in the incident near State Street and Roosevelt Road, police said.

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Homicides
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HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

Austin, Englewood and the Near West Side each saw two homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Austin, a 27-year-old man was shot to death Saturday in the 500 block of South Cicero Avenue, police said. Three days earlier, a 46-year-old man was fatally shot in the 5500 block of West Washington Boulevard, officials said.

Austin has recorded 29 homicides so far this year, RedEye data shows. The West Side community area logged 23 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

In Englewood, two boys, ages 16 and 17, were fatally shot Tuesday in the 6600 block of South Halsted Street, police said.

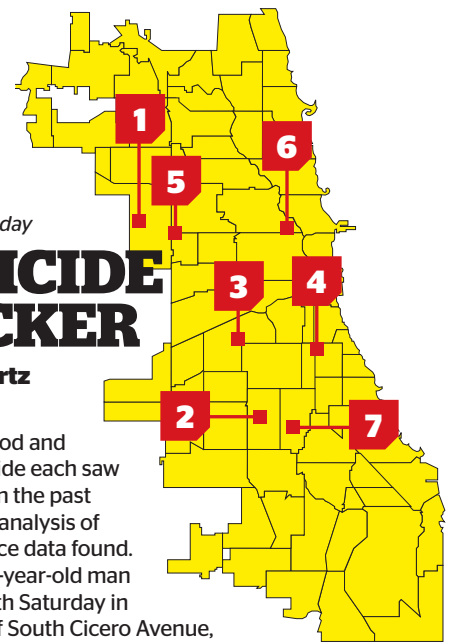
Englewood has logged 24 homicides so far this year, according to data. The South Side community area recorded 14 homicides last year, RedEye found.

On the Near West Side, two men, ages 30 and 34, were shot to death Sunday in the 300 block of North Sangamon Street, police said.

The Near West Side has seen nine homicides so far this year, according to data. The community area logged six homicides in 2010, RedEye found.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in Brighton Park, Grand Boulevard and West Englewood, according to RedEye data.

Twenty-seven homicides have been logged so far in December. Police recorded 25 homicides in December 2010, RedEye found. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM | [@TRACYSWARTZ](https://twitter.com/TRACYSWARTZ)



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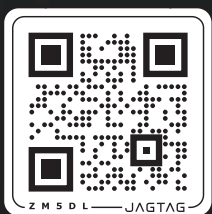
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This handout picture taken by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency shows Kim Jong Un (center) walking beside the hearse carrying the body of his late father, Kim Jong Il. KNS

The Kim Jong Il show

1 **SEOUL** The world watched anxiously Wednesday as North Korea staged a huge funeral in the capital, Pyongyang, for former leader Kim Jong Il, searching for signs of what to expect from the isolated nation that may be close to attaining nuclear weapons capacity.

Bleak pictures from state TV showed a funeral procession led by a limousine carrying

a huge picture of the 69-year-old, who died Dec. 17, passing serried ranks of olive green-clad soldiers whose bare heads were bowed in homage in the main square of the snow-covered capital.

A hearse carrying the coffin was led by a weeping Kim Jong Un, the son and heir, accompanied by Jang Song Thaek, his uncle and a key power-broker in the transition, and Ri

Yong Ho, the army chief of staff.

"Seeing this white snow fall has made me think of the general's efforts and this brings tears to my eyes," Seo Ju Rim, a red-cheeked, weeping female soldier, told North Korean TV, referring to the late Kim.

One of the myths surrounding Kim Jong Il was that he could control the nation's weather, and state media has reported unusu-

ally cold and wild weather accompanying his death.

Video showed weeping civilians who swayed with grief and shouted "father, father" as black Lincoln and Mercedes limousines and army trucks streamed past the crowds.

It was not clear whether the pictures were live or recorded, although a state TV announcer said it had been carried live.

Famous 'Tarzan' chimp dies

2 Cheetah the Chimp, co-star of the 1930s "Tarzan" films with Johnny Weissmuller and one of the world's oldest chimpanzees, has died in Florida. He was thought to be about 80 years old.

Michigan dairy recalls cheese

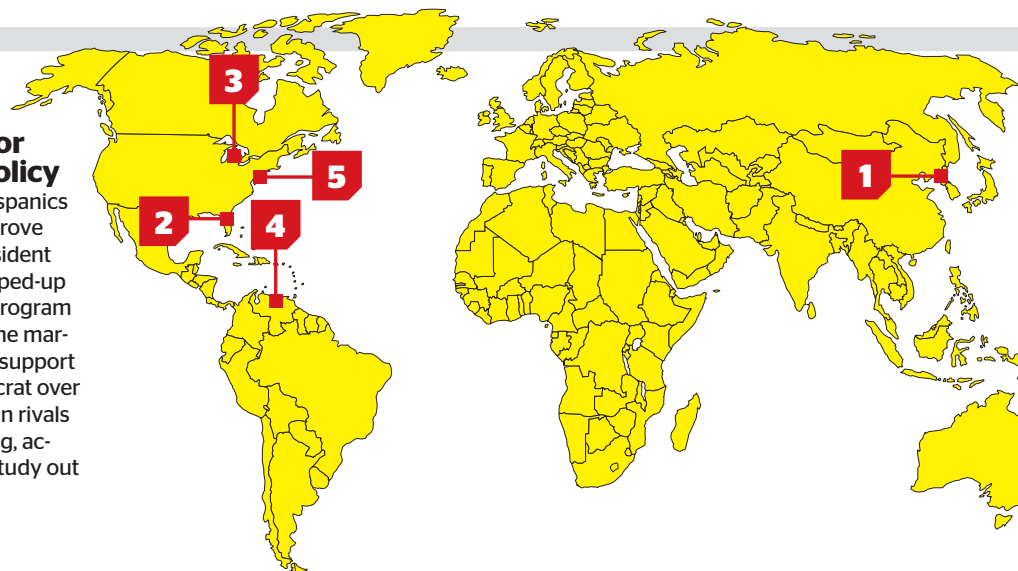
3 A dairy in Dearborn, Mich., said it is recalling certain cheeses because they could be contaminated with listeria and may have already sickened two people. Green Cedar Dairy's recall included All Natural Ackawi Cheese and All Natural Chives Cheese.

Chavez: Can U.S. cause cancer?

4 Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez speculated on Wednesday that the U.S. might have developed a way to give Latin American leaders cancer, after Argentina's Cristina Fernandez joined the list of presidents diagnosed with the disease.

Poll: Low support for Obama policy

5 U.S. Hispanics disapprove of President Obama's stepped-up deportation program by a two-to-one margin, although support for the Democrat over top Republican rivals remains strong, according to a study out this week.



THE DIGIT

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The U.S. government has sued New York Yankees co-owner Hal Steinbrenner (left) and his wife to seek more than \$670,000—an amount it said was erroneously refunded to the baseball team based on a late refund claim for the 2001 tax year.



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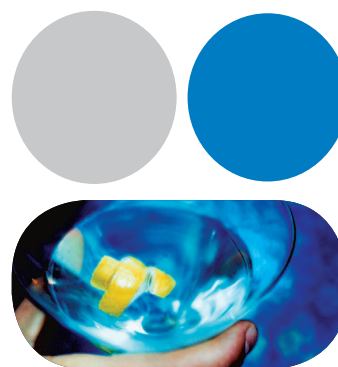
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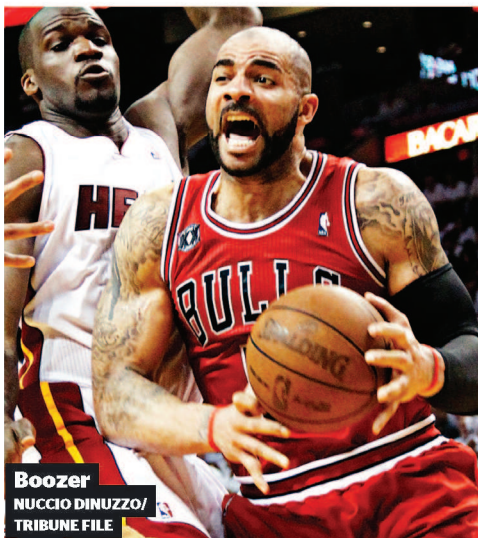
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BOOZER: OFFENSE WILL COME

Chicago Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif. Carlos Boozer didn't attempt a second-half shot in Monday night's loss to Golden State. For the second time in three games—dating back to last spring's Eastern Conference finals—he watched the fourth quarter from the bench.

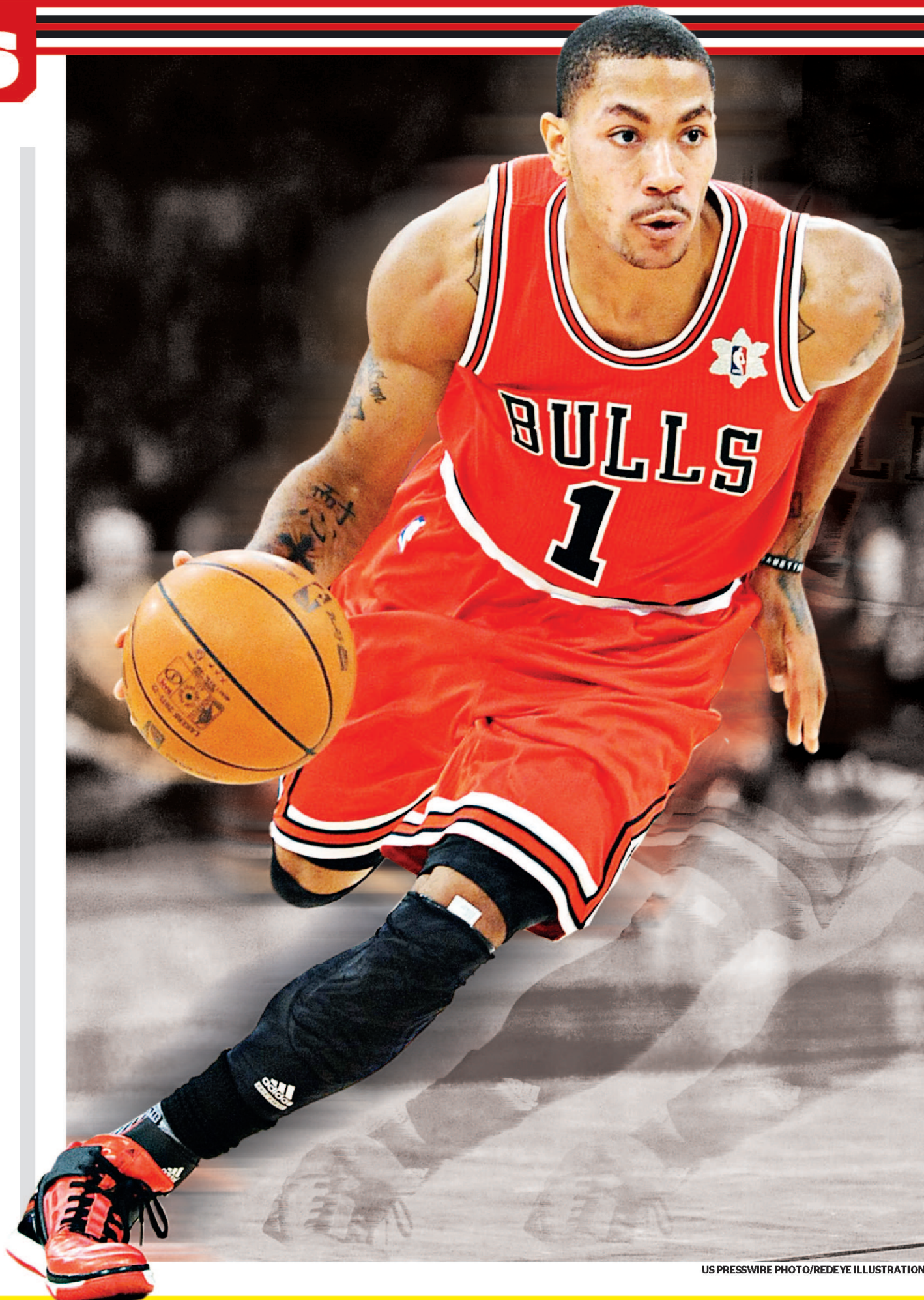
But ask Boozer if he's troubled over his 10.5 points per game thus far and you will hear a telling response.

"I'm not concerned at all," Boozer said after Wednesday's practice at the Warriors' practice facility. "My biggest concern is defense. They had way too many blow-bys. Offensive, that will take care of itself."

By all accounts, Boozer is in better shape, running the floor harder and getting in transition during practice. Though that has yet to translate to games as the entire offense has sputtered, defensive stops, of course, are needed to get in transition.

And no, Boozer isn't upset coach Tom Thibodeau rode a smaller, shooting lineup of C.J. Watson, Derrick Rose, Kyle Korver, Luol Deng and Taj Gibson down the stretch.

"Obviously, Thibs tried to go small in an attempt to catch up," Boozer said. "It looked like we had a chance to make a run at it for a minute. But in reality, we were already behind by so much and we were still playing their style of basketball, which they're much better at than we are."



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THE STARTING LINE

» Bulls at Sacramento, 9 p.m. CSN

» UIC vs. Detroit, 7 p.m. UIC Pavilion

» Loyola vs. Wright St., 7 p.m. Gentile Center

THE ROSE ERA

BULLS STAR IS WAY TOO FOCUSED TO THINK ABOUT PRESSURE

By Bryan Crawford

FOR REDEYE

Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

The Bulls got lucky when they snagged the top draft pick back in 2008 with only a 1.7 percent chance of doing so. The team used that pick to take Derrick Rose No. 1 overall, and it turns out he's good. Outstanding, actually.

In the three years since coming back to Chicago from Memphis to play for his hometown team, the Englewood native has led the Bulls to three consecutive playoff appearances, including carrying the Bulls—almost virtually on his back—all the way to the Eastern Conference finals last season.

Of course we all know how that ended. Chicago was dispatched by the Miami Heat in heartbreaking fashion as it appeared the young superstar simply had run out of gas.

Rose is ready to lead his team back to the top despite feeling the Bulls are being overlooked. But the 23-year-old wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think [being overlooked] is fun, personally," Rose said recently. "I hear everything, and if I don't hear it, I know my friends hear it and tell me everything that people say. Then I take it to the gym where I work out a lot, and I just think about all the things that people are saying and how they're forgetting about us."

"But it's all right that we're under the radar."

After a 1-1 start—a thrilling victory over the L.A. Lakers and a deflating loss to Golden State—the Bulls still might be flying under the radar.

Despite such a successful 2010-11 season—an NBA-best 62-20 record and MVP honor for Rose—it was clear the biggest hole on the Bulls roster was at shooting guard, where Keith Bogans averaged 4.4 points a game. In

the era of NBA superstars actively recruiting guys to come to play for their teams, Rose has steadfastly refused, maintaining he is a "hooper," not a recruiter.

He received sharp criticism as a result. But Rose couldn't care less.

"I ain't trying to hear what they're talking about. I'm just trying to do me and keep this thing rolling," Rose said. "If somebody wants to come here, then come here."

Somebody did come here.

Richard "Rip" Hamilton made the decision to join the Bulls, and the 12-year veteran and former NBA champion with Detroit could be the missing piece to put the team over the top.

So far, Hamilton's arrival hasn't dramatically changed the Bulls, but coach Tom Thibodeau said that falls on his teammates.

"We have to get him shots and into the flow of the game," Thibodeau said.

Rose is quick to recognize the value of Hamilton.

"Rip is a veteran and he's seen it all," Rose said. "He's going to help us go places that we've never been because he's already been there before."

For Bulls fans, hopefully that place leads to a seventh NBA title.

Considering Rose just inked a five-year, \$94.8 million contract extension, title expectations are sky high in the Windy City. But it's no big deal to Rose. He has the same expectations, something Bulls fans should appreciate.

"I don't play for money, I play to win," he said. "Money is the last thing I think about."

And when asked if he feels any pressure from signing his new contract, Rose said sharply, "Hell nah. No pressure at all."

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1 Why did the Bears wait until Tuesday to put Matt Forte and Jay Cutler on IR?

Because the Bears really suck at paperwork, among other things.

Are you suggesting they have another way to keep people interested right now?

'Tis the season for miracles ...

Trying to figure out why the Bears do anything these days will probably induce madness.

They obviously didn't have their Monday cup o' joe.

2 How did the five Bears celebrate being named to the Pro Bowl?

By throwing Jerry Angelo a "we hope you don't get fired!" party.

A trip to Hawaii! It's the best kind of redundant.

They speed-dialed Tom Thayer to set up surfing lessons.

By sitting out the last game of the year. Oh, wait, they're probably doing that anyway.

By pretending it actually was the Super Bowl.

3 The Bulls have spent so much time in California ...

... Brian Scalabrine actually looks ... well, he still looks extremely pale. Go figure.

... they've all taken Katy Perry out for ice cream. If you know what I mean. (That's all I mean.)

They have their own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

... Kim Kardashian just proposed to Joakim Noah.

... Carlos Boozer's screams are taking on a Valley Girl accent.

4 When can we start to get really excited about the NHL-best Blackhawks?

When Jonathan Toews gets excited. About anything. At all.

At the end of this sentence. Wooooooooooooo!

Let them stay level-headed. I've been excited since October.

Was I supposed to wait to get excited?

If you haven't started yet, you're doing it wrong.

5 How do you explain the rash of Blackhawks having children?

They figured it'd be a great way to celebrate the end of the NBA lockout.

Professional athletes know women who want to have their kids? That's a stumper.

We all know what St. Paddy's Day celebrations are like in Chicago ...

Wasn't it colder around March? Rainier too. Gotta have fun somehow.

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BIGGEST COMEBACK
Cheick Kongo

Kongo took on Pat Barry as part of a UFC Live card in June. Barry came out swinging and looked as if he had Kongo unconscious. Kongo, however, was able to get back to his feet and landed a solid right to Barry's chin. Kongo added a few more punches to finish the fight and pull off not only the biggest comeback in 2011 but also perhaps the biggest in UFC history.

BEST QUOTES
Chael Sonnen

Who else? Sonnen is quick to respond to any question and isn't afraid to call out anyone he has a problem with—including himself. Take this one from early December, for example. "I already ran for office and exited the only way an official should be, and that is in handcuffs." Sonnen pleaded guilty to money laundering in connection with mortgage fraud in January.

BIGGEST PROBLEM
Twitter

With tweets about rape and other sexual subjects, many have called for a code of conduct for UFC fighters. When Miguel Torres tweeted about a rape van (a quote from "Workaholics"), that was the last straw. Torres was quickly fired from the UFC.

GREATEST HITS

A LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR IN MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

By **Ted Gruber** FOR REDEYE

2011 might be remembered as the year the UFC made a huge leap toward the mainstream. From buying Strikeforce to inking a seven-year deal with Fox networks, the UFC made plenty of big moves outside of the ring. The fighters held up their end of the bargain too. Here are some of the best and worst moments of the year. **TED GRUBER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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CHICAGO'S SPORTS STUDS AND DUDS

After two days of voting at **redeye.chicago.com/sports** CM Punk (top) is atop the pile for Chicago's sports stud of 2011, and Adam Dunn (bottom) is close to claiming another dubious honor as sports dud of 2011. See the nominees and vote at **trib.in/studs&duds**.

\$300,000 That's how much Tennessee running back Chris Johnson will lose if he doesn't rush for 14 yards Sunday and reach 1,000 yards for the season, according to a clause in his contract, the Tennessean reports.

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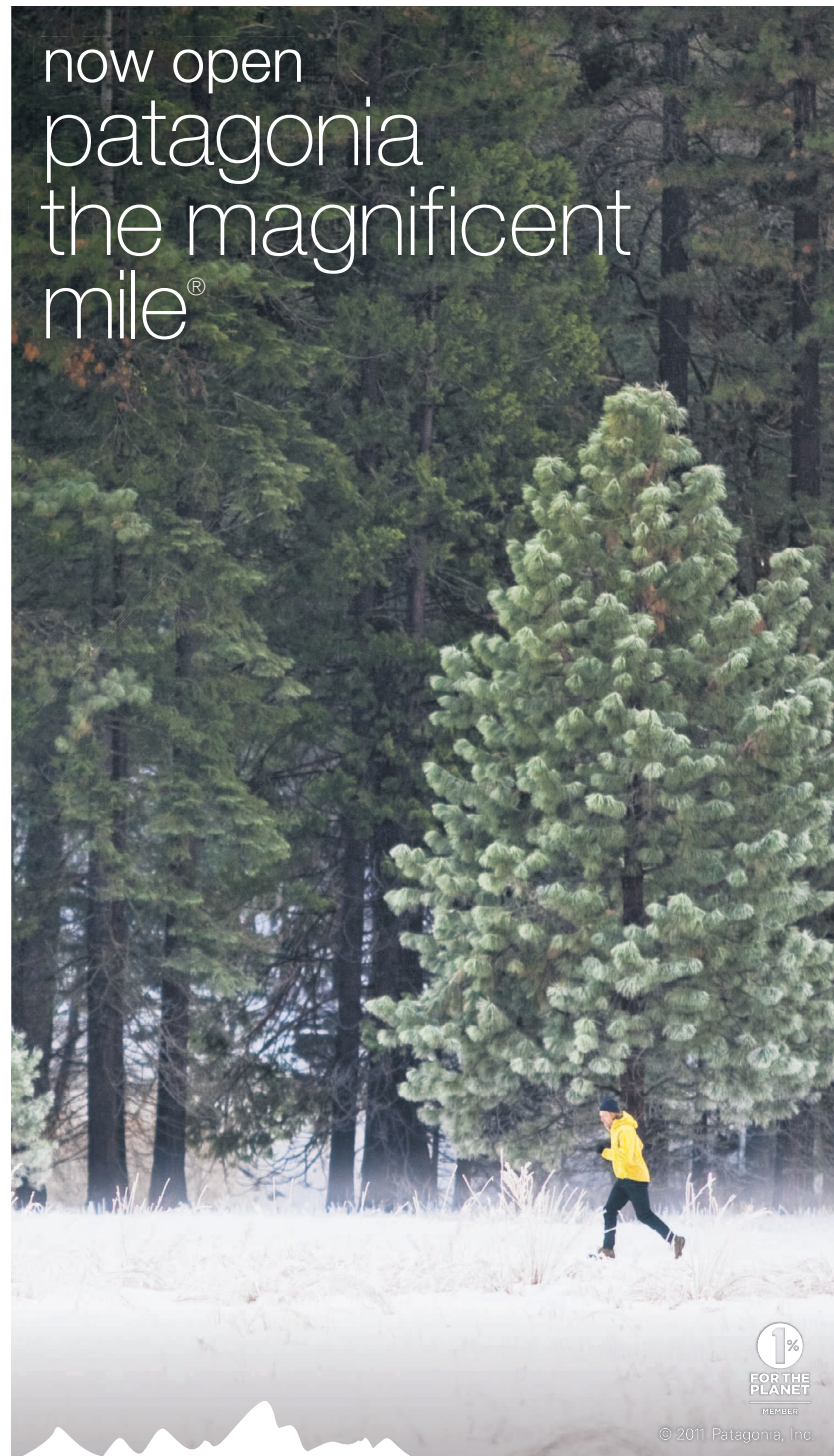
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5 last-minute dinner and party options

By Lisa Arnett and Emily Van Zandt
REDEYE

Welcome to New Year's Eve crunch time. With a little more than 48 hours left to get plans in place, it may feel like the time to panic—tickets and reservations have long been flying off the shelves. Luckily, many Chicago spots are keeping options open for last-minute planners, offering up no-cover nights or dinners with tables available for walk-ins. Check out these five options for every type of NYE partier.

1 If you hate fixed menus
Try: Chant (1509 E. 53rd St. 773-324-1999)
Control-freak diners wary of being cornered into a few choices on a set menu will be right at home at Hyde Park restaurant Chant, which plans to serve its regular a la carte menu as well as save a few tables for walk-ins. New chef Christopher Hora—you might recognize him from the first episode of Food Network show "Chef Hunter"—cooks up dishes such as black mussels with red wine, soy and garlic (\$16), Peking duck tacos (\$13) and pumpkin curry (\$13). 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

2 If you think champagne is stuffy
Try: Bangers & Lace (1670 W. Division St. 773-252-6499)
We seldom turn up our noses at a glass of the bubbly stuff, but New Year's can sometimes feel like a champagne overdose. Plan to head to Wicker Park hot spot Bangers & Lace to raise a glass of Miller High Life (the champagne of beers, naturally) at midnight instead. The bar and restaurant will offer free appetizers from 10 p.m.-midnight alongside a full bar menu. With no cover, expect a crowd—arrive early if you're hoping to snag a seat.

3 If you want to avoid the craziness altogether
Try: Jam (3057 W. Logan Blvd. 773-292-6011)
It's sad but true: You've been burned by New Year's in the past, and now you're so jaded that you refuse to leave your house after sundown on the dreaded day. Start a daytime tradition by toting a bottle of bubbly to recently opened Logan Square BYOB Jam, where you can nosh on malted custard French toast and other favorites from chef Jeff Mauro. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations not accepted.

4 If you hate downtown traffic
Try: Simone's Bar (960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601)
Do you live south of downtown and don't want to bother hauling your group north? Hop over to Pilsen for a no-planning-needed night at Simone's. The 18th Street outpost is open with no cover, serving up Latin-inspired bar eats, a full cash bar and music by DJ Presto.

5 If you want party perks without the price tag
Try: The Call (1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-334-2525)
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Gig: Bar director at Acadia in the South Loop

By Lisa Arnett

REDEYE

It's been a serendipitous year for Michael Simon, the former beverage director and general manager at Graham Elliot in River North. After leaving the restaurant and facing a few false starts—designing the bar program at the short-lived Black Sheep and a brief stint at the new Pump Room—he's landed at Acadia (1639 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9500), a promising restaurant that opened Dec. 21 in the South Loop. As bar director, he's created a cocktail list with offbeat concoctions such as a mezcal old fashioned with notes of tomatillo and grapefruit and a coconut-dill ice cube.

What's your approach to cocktails at Acadia?

My background's as a sommelier, but what really got me into the spirits side was at Graham Elliot, putting a craft program of spirits in place. Everything I'm doing at Acadia is based off the classics. Using the best craft spirits I can find, how can we ... [keep] the whole heart of what the cocktail is about, but then update it for 2012? I'm really trying to

elevate what a guest perceives a bar can be at a restaurant.

Do you hope to draw interest in the bar, separate from the dining room?

Hats off to chef Ryan McCaskey, because he did so many things right with the space. When you come in, you're in the bar area and it's completely separate from the restaurant. There are 10 seats at the bar and four to five tables; we can stay open later [and] we can cultivate as much of a bar crowd as we're able to. We really want to slam the hell out of the bar.

What and where do you like to drink when you're not at work?

I drink a lot of wine at home. My girlfriend is the beverage director at Trump. We go through so much wine! One of my new favorite places [for cocktails] is Barrelhouse Flat ... the scope of their program is insane. I love the guys at Sable [and] more dive-bar places like Bar De Ville. I live in the West Loop, so though I like places like The Whistler [in Logan Square], I just don't get out there too much.

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The guy thrashing so hard that he creates a beer waterfall. The chick who paid \$40 to yell a conversation with friends that she could've had in a bar. These are the people who need to be booted from concerts—not grinning, bopping fans who are so thrilled to be there they can't help but join in with the band. Head back to your Grinch cave and put on your headphones if you don't want to be part of the sing-along.

Did I just shell out \$15 to hear the tone-deaf guy next to me scream my favorite song? No. I believe I'm at the concert to hear the artist from the band sing the song. Now, I'm not talking about chorus singing from the fans. Singing with the masses at a band's request is a lot of fun. But when you're the drunk loudmouth belting out the wrong lyrics to every single tune, well, that's just annoying. If you really love the music so much, participate by dancing. In other words: Just shut up and dance.



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There's just no stopping a man with a cross-bow and zombie-ear necklace: Daryl Dixon of "The Walking Dead" is RedEye's Best TV Character of 2011.

After 87,821 votes in the final round, Daryl took the prize with 50 percent of the vote, defeating Abed Nadir of "Community," who earned 49 percent. The Twiigs service polls never add up to 100 percent for some reason, so Abed fans can take comfort in knowing that it was pretty much a dead heat.

But we don't deal in ties at RedEye, so Daryl can claim yet another zombie ear. (In last year's Halloween episode of "Community," Abed was turned into a zombie.)

"Yeah, I won! Woo!" Norman Reedus, who plays Daryl, said during a phone interview Wednesday. That was about 50 minutes before the tournament ended, but he added when I told him it wasn't over yet: "Well hey, I'm happy to be in the final."

The championship round was Daryl's toughest after pretty much destroying his opponents in other rounds, including Lydia Adams from "SouthLAAnd," Tyrion Lannister from "Game of Thrones," Walter Bishop from "Fringe" and Rory Williams from "Doctor Who."

In the comedy division, Abed, played by Chicago native Danny Pudi, took out Virginia Chance of "Raising Hope," Liz Lemon of "30 Rock," Barney Stinson of "How I Met Your Mother" and Charlie Kelly of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

Saying he'd love to see Abed and Daryl team up to fight zombies, Pudi was excited to be in the final as well.

"Abed would be very thrilled that he was competing against a character from 'The Walking Dead,' although I have a feeling he wouldn't do quite as well in a post-apocalyptic zombie world as Daryl Dixon would."

FAVORITE BADASS

Daryl Dixon "The Walking Dead"
With a nuanced performance, Norman Reedus has given what could have been a hard, cold zombie-killer heart. He's tough but can be tender. And as he's opened up to other survivors, he's slowly revealed how his painful upbringing has made him who he is. Zombies aren't the scariest thing Daryl faces each day; it's his fear of getting to know anyone, of being bullied, of trusting.

HARDEST GOODBYE

Friday Night Lights

That fans were given five seasons of this remarkable drama was a gift in itself (thanks, NBC and DirecTV)—but that doesn't ease the sting of its departure this year. The compelling series ended as it lived, focusing on the marriage of coach Eric Taylor (Kyle Chandler) and Tami Taylor (Connie Britton) and their decision to—hey, I won't spoil this for DVD viewers. Its finale was a powerful tearjerker that never became overly sentimental. "Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose," Coach Taylor was fond of saying. "FNL" never lost.



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'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'

11 TV AWARDS FOR 2011

I have a hard time writing a year-end “best” list for TV, simply because I’m not able to watch enough of it to feel that I’m qualified to judge comprehensively enough. So instead of a “best” or “worst” of 2011, I give you 11 awards in various categories. And you helped pick the best TV character of the year. c.w.



MOST UNDERRATED NEW SERIES Prime Suspect

The NBC drama made its first big mistake by calling this procedural “Prime Suspect” after the brilliant original 1980s miniseries. Its second mistake was trying at first to re-create the same intradepartmental sexism for Detective Jane Timoney (**Maria Bello**) to battle. It seemed dated, and turned off viewers instantly. Jane’s battles eventually became less about sexism and more about the fact she was an unapologetic bitch—and I write that with total love for the character. Bello was outstanding, as was her supporting cast. And each week I thought the series, although a standard procedural, was much more interesting than anything you see on CBS. And by the way, I love Jane’s hat!

BIGGEST OVERREACTION The Killing

Wow, I don’t think I’ve ever seen so much whining from viewers and critics about a season finale. AMC and “The Killing” never promised to reveal who killed Rosie Larson by the end of this moody drama’s freshman season. They didn’t! And to complain that a show about a murder investigation brings up too many red herrings throughout the season seems ludicrous to me. Go watch any of the CBS procedurals if you want your case solved in one episode. I’ll stick with the wonderful twists and turns, not to mention the terrific acting and the poignant portrait of how Rosie’s death affected the people she knew.

MOST MISUNDERSTOOD The Playboy Club

OK, OK, this dead-on-arrival drama was not great, but I enjoyed it. I think had NBC called this “The Beaver Club” and dressed the waitresses in bikinis and buckteeth, no one would have complained. But making it about the apparently notorious Playboy clubs of the 1960s caused a furor, and no one even tried to enjoy the show for what it was—a big, glam soap opera. The main story involving gangsters and murder left something to be desired, but I could not wait for Laura Benanti to sing in each episode or to find out what the beardedly married gay couple played by Sean Maher and Leah Renee were planning with the Mattachine Society. Speaking of which, when do you ever see that early gay rights group in a TV series? Good for you, creator Chad Hodge.



MOST DARING SHOW Community

No sitcom on TV right now, probably in quite some time, pushes the boundaries of the format quite like NBC’s “Community.” Dan Harmon and his cast and crew’s go-for-broke attitude results in episodes that are not only imaginative and intelligent, but also emotionally rich and revelatory. They’ve tackled alternate realities, Dungeons & Dragons, “My Dinner with Andre,” claymation, paintball and “Glee” with an absurdist wit that marvels. And if that sounds too “criticy,” how about this: Pop! Pop! “Community” is bleeping hilarious.

BIG RISK, BIGGER PAYOFF AWARD Game of Thrones

HBO gambled on a fantasy and won big time. Sure, David Benioff and D.B. Weiss were adapting the bestselling novels by George R.R. Martin, but you can’t deny the risk of trying to mainstream a niche genre. Yet they created a beautiful, brutal and shocking (Ned Stark!) world out of the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros with high production values, crackling scripts and amazing acting from a terrific cast. April can’t come soon enough; I’m ready for more.

WORST USE OF MUSIC Grey’s Anatomy

The “Glee” kids singing “Do They Know It’s Christmas” almost got the nod here, but I’m giving it to the musical episode of “Grey’s Anatomy,” which was so tone-deaf it made even me, a complete and total Broadway show tune queen, hate the musical format for an hour. Apologies to Sara Ramirez, who has terrific voice. You just weren’t given much to work with in this case. The best use of music? The “Regional Holiday Music” episode of “Community.”



FAVORITE NETWORK

This one is easy: FX by a landslide. From off-kilter comedies “Wilfred,” “Louie,” “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,” “The League” and “Archer” to knock-out dramas “Justified,” “Sons of Anarchy,” “Rescue Me” and “Lights Out,” FX made itself my destination network. I wasn’t so into “American Horror Story,” but the water-cooler powerhouse created enough buzz that I’m now watching them just to see if I was wrong about it. The net’s only bad move for me? Canceling “Terriers” in 2010 (and “Lights Out” this year).

BEST VILLAIN

Mags Bennett “Justified”

Margo Martindale earned a well-deserved Emmy for playing the matriarch of the moonshine-making, weed-peddling Bennett clan in Season 2 of “Justified.” Mags was a cold, calculating crime lord who persuaded her neighbors not to sell their land to a coal company while all along she was scheming with the company to get rich herself. She controlled her sons with a hammer (ouch!) and her enemies with her poisoned “apple pie.”



FAVORITE VIEWING EXPERIENCE Justified

The FX drama delivered an electrifying sophomore season and one of TV’s best bad-dies: redneck matriarch and moonshine poisoner Mags Bennett (Margo Martindale). But the complicated relationship between U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant) and his villainous former best friend Boyd Crowder (Walton Goggins) remains the most compelling part of this outstanding series for me. That gets even thornier in Season 3, which begins Jan. 17.

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» The first New Year's Eve special on TV was broadcast on Dec. 31, 1941 on WNBT (now WNBC), consisting of entertainment from the Rainbow Room, atop the RCA Building in Rockefeller Center.

» Before Dick Clark became synonymous with New Year's Eve, that honor went to bandleader Guy Lombardo. After many years on radio, he hosted New Year's Eve shows from 1956 to 1976 on CBS, from the Waldorf-Astoria. It was Lombardo and his Royal Canadians who made "Auld Lang Syne" into the New Year's Eve song.

» In 1972, Clark came up with the idea of counter-programming the older-skewing Lombardo. He produced (but did not appear on) "Three Dog Night's New Year's Rockin' Eve 1973," on NBC. The special also featured Blood, Sweat & Tears, Helen Reddy and Al Green and was pretaped from the Grand Ballroom of the Queen Mary, docked in Long Beach, Calif.



» Clark's "New Year's Rockin' Eve" debut on ABC was Dec. 31, 1974. Performers included the Beach Boys, Chicago and Olivia Newton-John. Ryan Seacrest, who has taken over hosting duties for Clark, was exactly 1 week old.

» "New Year's Rockin' Eve" was preempted in 1999-2000 in favor of ABC's 24-hour coverage of the worldwide celebrations of the new millennium. (Clark's traditional ball-dropping countdown from Times Square was included in that coverage.)

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- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 3:35 P.M.
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:05, 1:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50
- Hugo 3D (PG) 9:55, 12:45, 3:45, 6:40
- War Horse (PG-13) 11:30, 3:30, 6:50, 10:05
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:00, 12:55, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
- The Muppets (PG) 2:10 P.M.

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- The Artist (PG-13) 1:20, 2:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:55
- A Dangerous Method (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
- Shame (NC-17) 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
- Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 1:55, 3:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30
- The Descendants (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- My Week With Marilyn (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:00, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 11:10, 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40, 12:00
- Hugo 3D (PG) 6:30, 9:30
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 11:25, 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20
- War Horse (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:15, 10:45
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:05, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 9:30, 12:40, 3:50, 5:00, 7:00, 8:10, 10:10, 11:20
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 11:00, 1:40, 3:10, 5:10, 6:50, 8:40, 10:30
- The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (PG) 10:55, 1:50
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:40, 10:20, 11:50, 12:30, 2:00, 2:40, 4:10, 4:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:30, 10:50
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:55, 12:10, 3:55, 6:20, 6:55, 8:20, 11:40
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) (Open captioned) 12:55, 9:55
- The Sitter (R) 9:20, 11:30
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 11:15
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 11:05
- The Muppets (PG) 9:45, 12:20, 3:00

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) ★ 12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
- War Horse (PG-13) ★ 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- The Descendants (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:50, 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 10:20, 1:55, 5:40, 9:05
- Immortals (R) 2:00, 7:05, 9:45
- Happy Feet Two (PG) 1:35 P.M.
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 10:25, 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 8:35
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 11:10, 1:40
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 11:25, 2:35, 4:10, 5:55, 7:15, 9:15, 10:20
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 10:50, 11:55, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:25
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
- War Horse (PG-13) 12:05, 3:25, 6:35, 9:40
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:15, 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50
- The Sitter (R) 11:50, 2:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:10, 9:25, 10:15
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) 12:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- Jack and Jill (PG) 10:35, 4:40

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

- Senna (PG-13) 6:00 P.M.
- Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- Weekend (NR) 8:00 P.M.
- My Afternoons with Marguerite (NR) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

Call theatre for show information

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- Miss Minoes (PG) 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
- Vertigo (NR) 3:00, 7:30
- To Catch a Thief (NR) 5:20, 9:50
- Young Goethe in Love (NR) 9:00 P.M.

THE PATIO THEATER

6008 W. Irving Park Road
(773) 685-4291

Call theatre for show information

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- Young Adult (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00
- AMC Independent The Descendants (R) 10:20, 1:05, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
- AMC Independent The Artist (PG-13) 9:20, 11:55, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:30, 12:00, 1:10, 3:40, 4:45, 7:20, 8:20, 11:00, 12:00
- AMC Independent My Week With Marilyn (R) 10:05, 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:25, 10:55
- J. Edgar (R) 2:20 P.M.
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:25 A.M.
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 9:35, 2:35, 7:25, 12:20
- AMC Independent Shame (NC-17) 10:45, 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25, 11:55
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 9:30, 12:15, 2:55, 5:45
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 9:15, 10:30, 12:20, 1:20, 3:30, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 12:15
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:10, 10:25, 11:30, 12:50, 1:50, 3:20, 4:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
- Hugo 3D (PG) 5:15, 8:15, 11:20
- War Horse (PG-13) 9:50, 12:05, 1:05, 3:35, 4:30, 7:05, 8:05, 10:35, 11:30
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 10:55, 2:00, 4:55, 7:55, 10:45
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:25, 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:40
- The Sitter (R) 6:50, 9:10, 11:30
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:05, 11:15, 12:10, 3:25, 5:30, 6:25, 8:45, 9:30, 11:45, 12:30
- The Muppets (PG) 9:00, 11:50, 2:30
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) 12:10, 4:55, 9:50

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- Young Adult (R) 7:50, 10:30
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 1:00, 4:20, 7:40, 11:00
- The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 10:00 A.M.
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10
- AMC Independent The Descendants (R) 10:25, 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:30, 11:00, 1:05, 2:45, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30, 10:15, 12:15
- J. Edgar (R) 2:10 P.M.
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:40, 3:35, 9:30
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 12:55, 6:05, 11:20
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1:30 P.M.
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 11:20, 2:40, 6:00, 9:20, 12:25
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:45, 10:45, 12:15, 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 6:40, 8:00, 9:15, 10:35, 11:50
- Hugo 3D (PG) 12:25, 6:20, 12:20
- War Horse (PG-13) 9:40, 11:45, 1:10, 3:20, 4:40, 6:50, 8:10, 10:20, 11:40
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 7:00, 10:05
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:50, 2:00, 5:10, 8:20, 11:30
- The Sitter (R) 6:10, 8:45, 11:15
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:35, 10:55, 12:40, 3:55, 5:35, 7:10, 8:50, 10:25, 12:05
- The Muppets (PG) 9:30, 12:20, 3:15
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) 10:20, 3:30, 8:40

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- War Horse (PG-13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:30, 10:50
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 12:00, 2:50, 3:40, 6:10, 7:10, 9:30, 10:40
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
- The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (PG) 12:10
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 12:50, 3:00, 3:50, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40
- Young Adult (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 4:05, 10:05
- The Muppets (PG) 12:05
- Hugo 3D (PG) 1:05, 7:05

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 10:40, 1:30, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 11:45, 3:20, 7:00, 10:40
- Happy Feet Two (PG) 12:45 P.M.
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 1:25, 6:30
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:00, 12:50
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:05, 1:15, 3:35, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 10:10, 11:10, 12:20, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 10:30, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
- War Horse (PG-13) 11:50, 3:05, 6:20, 9:35
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:15, 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:15
- The Sitter (R) 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:45
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:35, 1:45, 3:55, 4:55, 7:05, 8:05, 10:20
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) 11:00, 4:00, 9:00

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 9:20, 12:45, 4:25, 7:50, 11:20
- Arthur Christmas (PG) 9:50, 12:20, 2:45
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) 10:30, 3:30, 8:30, 12:30
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 10:20, 1:00
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:00, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 10:15, 11:00, 11:45
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 9:15, 11:00, 11:45, 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40
- Immortals (R) 10:30 P.M.
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG-13) 2:10, 7:55
- War Horse (PG-13) 9:30, 12:50, 4:20, 7:40, 10:55
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 11:20, 5:00, 10:45
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
- The Sitter (R) 6:15, 8:20, 10:35, 12:40
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 9:40, 10:05, 12:30, 1:05, 3:40, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:45, 11:30
- The Darkest Hour (PG-13) 12:55, 6:00, 10:50
- Jack and Jill (PG) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25, 12:35

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- Hugo 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) ★ 11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9:10
- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) ★ 10:10, 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) ★ 10:40 A.M.
- War Horse (PG-13) ★ 11:15, 12:15, 3:00, 3:40, 6:30, 7:10, 9:55, 10:35
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) ★ 10:45, 11:30, 1:45, 2:40, 4:45, 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) ★ 10:20, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
- The Sitter (R) 8:10, 10:55
- New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:40
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) ★ 10:00, 1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
- The Muppets (PG) 11:45, 2:20, 5:10
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) ★ (Closed caption) 11:10, 2:50, 6:20, 9:50
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) ★ 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
- The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) ★ 10:30, 12:50, 3:50, 6:10, 8:45, 11:10
- The Descendants (R) (Closed caption) 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50

VIP Premium 21+

- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 11:30, 2:40, 6:00, 9:00
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:25, 7:15, 9:40
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) ★ 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
- The Adventures of Tintin (PG) ★ 4:50
- Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) ★ 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- War Horse (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- We Bought a Zoo (PG) ★ 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

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Sun-Sentinel

The color czars have issued a decree for 2012: Tangerine Tango is *the* hot hue for next year.

What about 2011's Honeysuckle? Remember that? Or Turquoise in 2010? Well, they're on the color crap heap people. Move on.

The people at Pantone—a global authority on color for the design industries—say the reddish orange Tangerine Tango builds upon this year's Honeysuckle. See, this is how it works: Honeysuckle encourages us to face our trouble with verve and vigor while Tangerine Tango gives us the energy boost we need to recharge and move forward.

“Sophisticated but at the same time dramatic and seductive, Tangerine Tango is an orange with a lot of depth to it,” said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute. “Reminiscent of the radiant shadings of a sunset, Tangerine Tango marries the vivaciousness and adrenaline rush of red

with the friendliness and warmth of yellow, to form a high-visibility, magnetic hue that emanates heat and energy.”

Expect to see the sunny shade in the spring collections of Adrienne Vittadini, Cynthia Steffe, Tommy Hilfiger, Elie Tahari and Nnette Lepore. A bit exotic (but friendly and non-threatening) for cosmetics, the color is expected to show up on lips, cheeks and nails. It is flattering as an eye shadow for women with blue or green eyes (paired with brown eyes, it can bring out an amber cast).

Pantone is partnering with Sephora for a new color collection (eye shadow, lipstick, lip gloss, nail polish) launching in March, so this isn't the last you'll hear about that.

Even your home will be juiced with home accessories such as pillows, bedspreads and tabletop accessories in Tangerine Tango for a pop of color (can appliances and electronics be far behind?).



BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

OUTBACK BOWL | 12:00 PM CT

#13 MICHIGAN ST. vs GEORGIA #18

ROSE BOWL | 4:00 PM CT

#5 OREGON vs WISCONSIN #10

FIESTA BOWL | 7:30 PM CT

#3 OKLAHOMA ST. vs STANFORD #4

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

SUGAR BOWL | 7:30 PM CT

#11 VIRGINIA TECH vs MICHIGAN #12

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

ORANGE BOWL | 7:30 PM CT

#15 CLEMSON vs W. VIRGINIA #23

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**Susan Hier**

Age: 25 'Hood: West Town

Favorite item you're wearing?
Black Frye boots**What are you shopping for?**
Marc Jacobs iPad bag**Garret Peterson**

Age: 29 'Hood: Wicker Park

Favorite item you're wearing?
Fingerless gray gloves**What are you shopping for?**
Fingerless gray gloves**Squire**

Age: 22 'Hood: Hyde Park

Favorite item you're wearing?
Scarf from Filene's Basement**What are you shopping for?**
Franco Sarto boots**Tiffany Pryor**

Age: 27 'Hood: Andersonville

Favorite item you're wearing?
Scarf from Charlotte Russe**What are you shopping for?**
Solid silver Tiffany with a heart

Who. What. Wear.

Just because temperatures are dropping doesn't mean you can't look hot. RedEye recently went cold-weather style-spotting on Michigan Avenue. Here's who we found and what they had on their holiday wish lists. Lenny Gilmore/RedEye Photos

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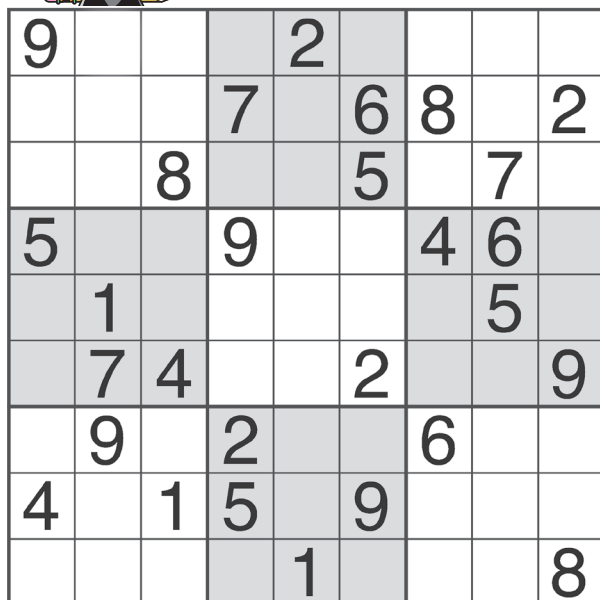
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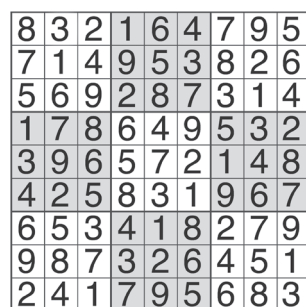
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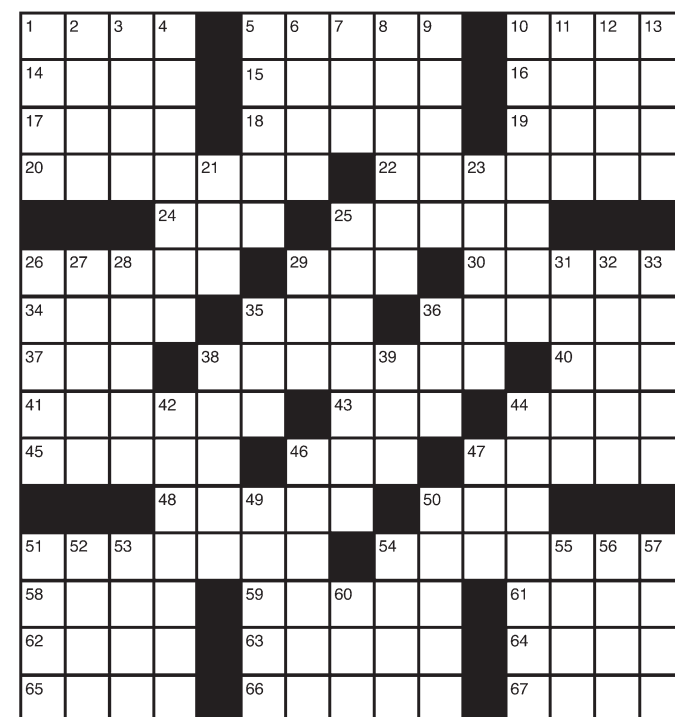


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- 1 Fisherman's joy
- 5 Strong string
- 10 Lump of dirt
- 14 Eden resident
- 15 Rowed
- 16 Fully grown, as fruit
- 17 Run & play in a lively way
- 18 Forested
- 19 Creative notion
- 20 Coat parts
- 22 Baseball field
- 24 Get _ of; shed
- 25 Roman commoners
- 26 Narrow boat
- 29 Buzzing insect
- 30 Plank
- 34 Hideaway
- 35 At the drop of a _; instantly
- 36 _ and Clyde; outlaws
- 37 "Blessed _ the meek..."
- 38 Draw back, as in battle
- 40 Prefix for stop or sense
- 41 Tailbone
- 43 Author Fleming
- 44 Hovels
- 45 Bread recipe verb
- 46 Fore and _; stern to stern
- 47 Untrue
- 48 Like a stew that's heavy on the meat
- 50 Tavern
- 51 Naval officer
- 54 Cemetery services
- 58 Reddish horse
- 59 Less risky
- 61 Pitfall
- 62 Piece of evidence
- 63 Gives off
- 64 Facial spots
- 65 Thin cut
- 66 Perceive; feel
- 67 Begin to melt

DOWN

- 1 Saloons
- 2 TV's "American _"
- 3 Not wild
- 4 Napoleon's title
- 5 Carried
- 6 Armed conflicts
- 7 Wrath



- 8 _ and thread; darter's needs
- 9 Actor Cibrián
- 10 Shade of red
- 11 Venetian beach
- 12 _ house;
- 13 Realtor's event
- 14 Deceased
- 21 Compete
- 23 Monastery superior
- 25 Fill with fear
- 26 Clickety-__

- 27 Burr or Spelling
- 28 Female relative
- 29 Blind as a _
- 31 Make invalid
- 32 Public uprisings
- 33 Thickheaded
- 35 Witch's curse
- 36 Forbid
- 38 Actress Winona
- 39 Sup
- 42 Cupboard
- 44 Natural environment

- 46 Burning
- 47 Animal's coat
- 49 Alleviates
- 50 Handbag
- 51 Rainbows
- 52 Ken or Barbie
- 53 Hawaiian island
- 54 Wagers
- 55 Foot part
- 56 Actress Turner
- 57 Gush forth
- 60 Diver's flipper

TODAY IN THE YEAR...

1845: Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

1851: The first American YMCA was organized, in Boston.

1992: A St. Charles, Ill., couple, David and Sharon Schoo, were arrested at O'Hare after returning from a nine-day vacation and charged with leaving their two young daughters at home alone. (The girls later were adopted by another couple.)



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Las Vegas is the place to be on Saturday, **mtv.com** reports. Among the celebs expected to be in Sin City for the countdown to midnight: Kim Kardashian, Chris Brown, Bruno Mars, B.o.B, John Legend, LMFAO, Fergie and will.i.am.

futurefashion

Celebs are ready to drop it like it's hot on NYE

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

While Chicagoans are preparing to don their most festive (aka sluttiest) party dresses, most ridiculous stilettos and most comfy sweats for New Year's Eve, celebs are making plans of their own. But as we imagine it, they're probably going to get slightly more ridiculous. Here's what we think our favorite ladies might strut Saturday night as the ball drops. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)

Deceptively simple dress

x

bow and arrow

+



wilderness boots

=

JENNIFER LAWRENCE



Glitter

+

weedwhacker

-

pants

=

KE\$HA



Mom jeans

-



Oh wait, she would never wear Mom jeans

+

not-so-subtly sexy dress

=

ANGELINA JOLIE



Wool jumpers from Etsy

x



a pinata

+

kitten heels

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ZOOEY DESCHANEL



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+

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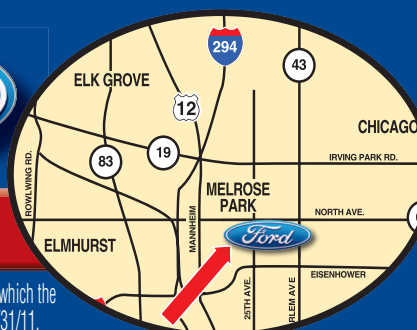
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2007 Dodge Magnum #P15681A, V6, Auto, Gray, CD, 4 Dr, Gray	\$11,577	2009 Chrysler PT Cruiser #47453A, Lthr, Roof, 9350 Miles, Silver	\$12,977	2010 Chrysler 300 #XP16187, V8, AC, Ready for Work	\$17,577	2008 Lincoln MKZ #XP15958, Lthr, Roof, Silver, Navi, V6	\$20,877	2010 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer #XP15721, Tricoat White, Lthr, Roof, 3rd Row	\$27,977
2010 Kia Rio LX #XP15851, Auto, CD, AC, 4 Dr, Gray	\$11,977	2010 Dodge Avengre #11651A, 4 Cyl, Blue, PW, CD	\$13,577	2011 Chevrolet G2500 Cargo #XP16266, SIG Touring, Silver, Lthr, Full Pwr	\$17,577	2010 Ford Escape Ltd #P15943, 4x4, Red, V6, Lthr	\$20,977	2008 Ford F250 Lariat #P16262, Crew Cab, 4x4, Lthr, White	\$28,977
2004 Ford Sport Trac #47618A, 4x4, Red, Alloys, XLT, Full Pwr	\$12,577	2010 Chevrolet Malibu LT #XP16153, 4 Cyl, Remotes, PW, CD, Clean	\$13,877	2009 Mercury Sable Premier #XP15702, Lthr, Roof, Silver, Htd Seats	\$17,877	2010 Ford Edge #P16275, White, Loaded, Low Miles	\$21,577	2011 Ford Explorer Limited #47769A, Lthr, Remote Start, Black	\$32,977
2008 Ford Escape #47420A, 4 Cyl, Auto, Gray, CD, PW, 4x4	\$12,577	2009 Chevrolet Impala #P16028, Blk, V6, PW, CD, Alloys	\$13,977	2007 Ford Mustang GT #11478A, Conv't, Auto, V8, Lthr, Blue	\$17,977	2008 Jeep Wrangler #47659B, Unlimited, Two Tops, 4x4	\$21,577	2006 Land Rover Range Rover #P15753A, Supercharger, Has it All, Must See	\$33,577
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red hot

THE DIGIT

25 The number of movies selected to be preserved as cultural, artistic or historical treasures in the National Registry of the Library of Congress. This year's crop includes "Silence of the Lambs," "Forrest Gump" and "Bambi."

HOT DATE

JANUARY 2012



That's when former "American Idol" contestant **Danny Gokey**, whose wife, Sophia,

died three years ago, plans to marry girlfriend Leyicet Peralta, billboard.com reports. Gokey made the announcement on the website of the charity named after his late wife.

Justin Bieber



DREAMY TEAM

Like Marky, like Bieber? Mark Wahlberg is eyeing a film collaboration with Justin Bieber and called the decision "intuitive" because he believes Bieber's acting potential is very real, billboard.com reports. And if the talent's not there? "If not, I will extract it," Wahlberg said. May we never hear the words "Bieber" and "extract" used in the same story again.

Mark Wahlberg
GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS



“According to my mom and college kids, the show needs to exist. ... My mom's usually right.”

Chicago native and Best TV Character tourney runner-up **Danny Pudi**, talking about why NBC's "Community" shouldn't be canceled. For more, turn to **Page 28**.

Belly flops

Plenty of films bombed in 2011, but no other movie stunk up the box office quite like Disney's "Mars Needs

Moms." The animated flick cost \$150 million to make and grossed a measly \$39 million worldwide, according to thr.com. Other underperforming flicks included "Cowboys & Aliens," "Green Lantern," "Sucker Punch" and "Tower Heist."



Unwelcome wagon

When they're not spending time in Seaside Heights, they have to live somewhere. And according to a poll by real estate site zillow.com, the cast of "Jersey Shore" is the year's least desirable neighbor. Again. For the second consecutive year, the crew took the top—or bottom?—spot in the celebrity neighbors poll, with Charlie Sheen and Lindsay Lohan taking second and third, respectively.

► Who's the most desirable celeb neighbor? Turn to **Page 18** to find out.

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